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#### **YOTA Month December**

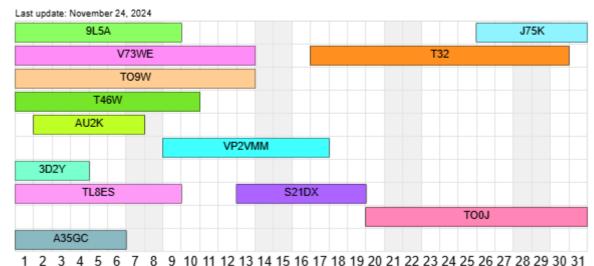
Throughout December, special event station will be active, turning the month into YOTA activity month. Active callsigns will include:

4X1YOTA - Israel, LT4YOTA - Argentina, 8N2YOTA - Japan, OM9YOTA - Slovakia, 9A0YOTA - Croatia, OQ24YOTA - Belgium, AO24YOTA - Spain, PA6YOTA - Netherlands, DQ0YOTA - Germany, PD6YOTA - Netherlands, E71YOTA - Bosnia and Hercegovina, SU8YOTA - Egypt, GB24YOTA - UK, TC24YOTA - Turkey, HA6YOTA - Hungary, TM24YOTA - France, HG0YOTA - Hungary, TM4YOTA - France, HL0YOTA - Korean Republic, VC2YOTA - Canada, K8O - USA, W8A - USA, K8T - USA, YL24YOTA - Latvia, K8Y - USA, YS1YOTA - El Salvador

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## **DXCC Timeline**





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## **DXCC**

## This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/">https://www.dx-world.net/</a> for updates.

**3A, MONACO** Sylviane, TK4TH is operating as 3A/call until November 30. Look for her on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

**3D2, FIJI** Theo, PA3CBH is active as 3D2TP from Suva until December 12. QRV during his spare time QRP using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**3D2/R, ROTUMA ISL** The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) with Gregg, W6IZT; Hal, W8HC; Dean W2FQ, Nathan, K4NHW and others are QRV as 3D2Y until December 4. The 6-man team is QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter. In addition, 2 NexGenRibs will be operated by a team of young amateurs. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** The F6KOP team is active until December 8 as 9L5A. This DXCC entity had already been activated by F6KOP in 2019 (9LY1JM) but is however in 80th position on the most wanted list. 14 operators are planned and "human" modes (CW and SSB) will have an important place in traffic. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QO-100 sat. QSL via F5GSJ, OQRS. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/9L5A">https://www.facebook.com/9L5A</a>.





**9V, SINGAPORE** Orion, OE3OGC is active during his spare time as 9V1CF until December 10. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. Plan is to activate 9V/SG-001 and the Coney Island National Park SG-0013. QSL via home call, OQRS.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ are active from Nuku'alofa as A25GC until December 6. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8, RTTY. QSL via LZ3GC, LoTW and Club Log.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** A team consisting with EA3NT, EI5GM, EI9FBB, MM0NDX & MM0OKG is QRV from The Gambia until November 29. This short activity will see the group operate from the mainland as C5T and possibly from the Bijol islands, AF-060 as C5I. QRV on various bands and modes, including 60m and 6m. QSL via EA5GL.

**CN, MOROCCO** Ralf, DB4REB will be QRV as CN2REB between November 30 and end January 2025. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

FR, REUNION ISL Jean-Marie, F4JCF is active as FR/call until December 15. QSL via op's instructions.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Team TO9W (K9EL, K9NU, W9AP and W9MR) will be operating between November 30 and December 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi with 3 stations. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY. <a href="https://www.k9el.com/T09W/T09W.htm">https://www.k9el.com/T09W/T09W.htm</a>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Bob W7YAQ and Al K7AR are active from Wallis until November 29 as

FW7AA. Al K7AR says: 'We will be active as FW7AA on 160-6 meters using two Elecraft K Line stations and amplifiers. We will use a DX Commander Classic, DX Commander Signature 12, and 160 M inverted L antennas. Our 6 meter activity will be casual, occasionally CQing and monitoring FT8 on 50.313 when not busy or out for dinner.

On our return trip home we will stay in Fiji for 3 days and will be active from Club Fiji as 3D2NB from November 30 to December 2. QSL both callsigns via W7YAQ through OQRS, and LoTW.'

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.





KHO, MARIANA ISL In collaboration with KH0D (Charly Queen DX Gang) and NH0E (The Northern Mariana International Amateur Radio Club), Kuny (JA8VE), Mako (JO1ABS), Hiro (W1VX a.k.a. JF1OCQ) and John (WB6Z) will be operating from Saipan, CNMI (IOTA OC-086), scheduled November 28 (1400Z) – December 03 (2000Z). The team will be running two/2 stations simultaneously, about 3 miles apart from each other for avoiding QRM on the island. Look for KH0/JA8VE, KH0/JO1ABS, KH0/W1VX, KH0/WB6Z, KH0D and NH0E from 160 to 6 meter using CW, CW and FT4/8. QSL via JF1OCQ, LoTW, Club Log.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Ed, N2HX is active as PJ7PL until December 18. Outside the contest operation in 'holiday-style' using FT8 and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**PZ, SURINAME** Look for PZ5JT this November during a jungle training of the Royal Dutch Army. The station is manned by personnel from the signal regiment on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. PZ5JT will be using in-service military radio's (L3Harris) from different locations, but most of the time from main (command) post – keep your ears open for a special /M or /P from more challenging locations.

**TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC** Elvira, IV3FSG is QRV as TL8ES until December 9. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, IK2DUW. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/TL8ES">https://www.qrz.com/db/TL8ES</a>

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until mid-January 2025. Operation from 30-10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**V3, BELIZE** Scott, K5PS is operating as V31CQ until November 30. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and home call.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Janusz, SP9FIH will be QRV from Majuro Atoll as V73WE between November 29 and December 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter due to weight restrictions on luggage. <a href="http://v7.dxpeditions.org/">http://v7.dxpeditions.org/</a>

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** Krish, W4VKU is active again as VU4A until mid-December. Krish mentions 'since many of you were unable to work VU4, due to the noise levels encountered during the

previous **VU4N** trip, the needed permission was sought back in January 2024 to return and finish the effort, this time as VU4A.' QRV on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Andy, 5Z4VJ is operating as ZD7VJ until November 30. QSL via M0URX, LoTW.

## Coming up soon

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** A team with AG9A, KD4D, K5PI & K2KW will be active during December 9-17 with a participation in the ARRL 10m Contest as VP2VMM. Outside of contest look for holiday-style activity as VP2V/homecalls. VP2VMM via KU9C, LoTW.

On the scene...team 3B8M -now QRT



## **IOTA**

## This week on air

### **AFRICA**

**AF-090 Saint Marie Isl** Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until end 2024. Operation on HF using mainly CW with some SSB. OSL via LoTW and home call.

### **ASIA**

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR will be operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 between December 4 and March 31, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com. AS-128 Phu Quoc Isl Juris YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL are active as XV9X until December 2. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via YL2GN.

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**AS-179 Kanika Isl (new)** A team composed of Cezar (VE3LYC, VU3LPL), Sarath (VU2RS), Adi (VU3WEW), and Anil (VU3DXA) will attempt to operate as AU2K from Kanika Island, AS-179NEW, between December 2 and 7, 2024.

Regretfully, Frank (DL4KQ), who planned and worked on this project with us, will be unable to join the team due to family and work-related issues. More information can be found on the expedition **website**.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VE3KTB is again QRV as VY0ERC from the Eureka Weather Station Base and will remain QRV "around work schedules" until December 5. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

NA-204 Cayo Santa Maria A large team with CO6XDX, CO6XX, CO6VV, CO6SDY, CO6RK, CO6OU, CM6EZ and CL6AX will be active as T46W between December 1 and December 10. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using various modes. QSL via CO6QK, LoTW.

On the scene...C5T The Gambia





# **ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX**

## THE REMINDERS

### **6W, SENEGAL**

### C5, THE GAMBIA

Billy, F4GJE will be operating as C5RK and 6W1RD during January 2025.

C5RK January 4-5

6W1RD January 11-12

Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via EA7FTR.

# FO/DL7JLL Mangareva

**VP6JLL Pitcairn** 

Hardy, DL7JLL got in touch with DX-WORLD to mention about his upcoming DXpedition to

Mangareva and Pitcairn during December 18, 2024 to January 15, 2025. Details as follows: FO/DL7JLL – Rikitea village, Mangareva.

VP6JLL - Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

QRV with a KX3 transceiver and small 50w amp + inverted V antenna. Bands: 10, 15, 20m - SSB only.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition sometime around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. They have requested the callsign 5N9DTG. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** The Russian DX Team (RUDXT) announce they are planning their next trip to Africa later this year (dates are not confirmed yet). This time, they say, their goal is Sierra-Leone and Guinea. The callsign 9L7RU has been granted and they have applied (currently waiting) for their 3X license. The team say much preparation is still to be done, so an official update will follow later once they have everything ready for the trip.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**QSL** preview



**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during the second half of January 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP for 3 weeks in April 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on

IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**FO, AUSTRAL ISL** Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ. https://austral2025.com/

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, OK2WX will be QRV as TX7N during January 2025, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

**FR, REUNION ISL** Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

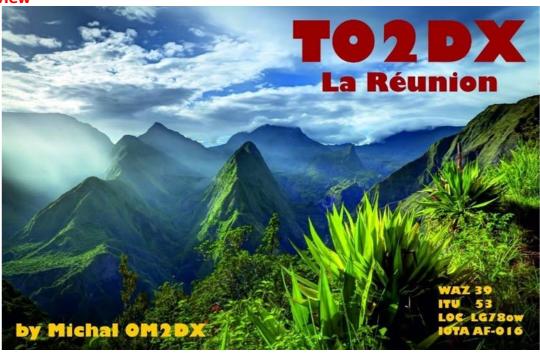
**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Joe, OZ0J will be operating between December 20 and December 31 (call pending). Operation from 80 to 10 meter but depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. He will operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound), but mostly FT8 because FY5FY and FY5KE are very active on CW, SSB and RTTY. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Website url to be added once callsign known.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <a href="https://hd8g.com/">https://hd8g.com/</a>

**HKO, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by HKONA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**J7, DOMINICA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.





**J7, DOMINICA** Lucien FM5WD, Luca IV3JVJ and Ivan IK3ZAQ will be active as J75K from December 26 until January 4, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

**KHO, MARIANA ISL** Ken, JO1VRK will be operating as KHO/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW.

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL

via WB2REM, Club Log.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

**T8, PALAU** Mike, JA6EGL will once again be active as T88SM between January 10-16, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, AM and FM from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

**T8, PALAU** Mike JA6EGL and Kazu JE6KFN will be QRV from Koror as T88SM and T88XK during January 10-16, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call. **T19, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

**TY, BENIN** Following on from the TY5C activity in March this year, Gérard F5NVF will again be QRV from Godomey during January 10 to April 2, 2025. He'll be active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign <u>8R7X</u>, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

# VK9C, COCOS KEELING VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. 'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure......

This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.

This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.

There will be more updates on our website – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info. It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!



## **IOTA**

### THE REMINDERS

### **ASIA**

**AS-140 Dal Char Isl** 'We are planning to activate another IOTA in this December 13-19. Our main goal this year is to focus on hands on training and capacity building for the local HAMs to understand different types of HF antenna, Propagation and Pileup handling. We hope in coming days we will see more HF station doing DXing from S2.

After checking all the islands in the two groups, considering Logistics, Transport and Cost we have decided to do the IOTA from the same island as before (Dhal Char, AS-140). The other nearby island is not suitable due to antenna orientation problem and also drinking water is not available in all of them, some are not inhabited.'

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

NA-079 Dry Tortugas The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX">https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX</a>

## **ARCTIC NEWS**

#### **Wolf's Fand Runway**

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) will be active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) starting <u>around mid-November until late February 2025</u>. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

#### **RI42SP Arctic travels**

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and will be active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

'It's good news for all ham radio interested in polar contacts. Oleg made a very good job last season with callsigns RD1A/MM, RI41POL and RI0POL making more than 205,000 contacts. The vessel departed Murmansk on September 15 with a team of scientists aboard, and is heading towards the Novosibirsk islands. This is where the drifting polar station will begin its work as part of the "North Pole-42" expedition. For many months, polar explorers will conduct research in the high latitudes of the Arctic Ocean, encompassing over fifty scientific programs.'

#### FT4YM Antarctica

November 19:

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases <u>until early March 2025</u>. Dates of activity from each base to be confirmed nearer the time. Website

FT4YM: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

FT4YM/P: Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

# Special calls

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

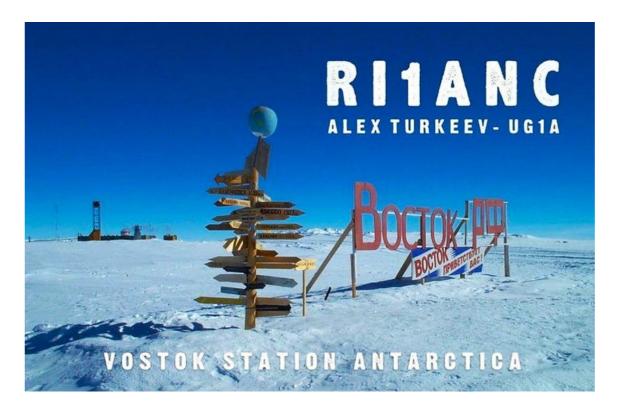
**9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** Special event callsign **9Y20TATT** will be active on 22-29 November to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Radio Society (TTARS). QSL direct and logsearch on Club Log (Live Stream enabled). See https://9y20ta.tt for more information. (TNX 425DX)

### A6, UAE A9, BAHRAIN

**A60ND** is the special callsign for the Emirates Amateur Radio Society to celebrate UAE National Day (<u>2 December</u>). QSL via EA7FTR. Also expected to take part in the celebrations is the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as **A91UAE** (<u>26 November-2 December</u>), and possibly the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1UAE, the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as 9K9UAE, and the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as A43UAE. (TNX 425DX)

## THE NEWCOMERS

OM, SLOVAKIA OM25ISS marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/OM25ISS">https://www.grz.com/db/OM25ISS</a>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL) **UA, RUSSIA** Special callsigns **R2024DX** and **UE34DX** will be active on 18-30 November to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX) YB, INDONESIA The ORARI branch of Tangerang Selatan (YH1RI) will operate special Callsigns 8G16T, 8G16A, 8G16N, 8G16G, 8G16S, 8G16E and 8G16L from 23 November to 1 December to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the city of South Tangerang (part of the Greater Jakarta metropolitan area, on the island of Java). Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY. See https://award.oraritangsel.or.id for certificates and eQSLs. (TNX 425DX) I, ITALY The Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club's station IQ1NM will be activated during the 43rd edition of the INORC Contest (7-8 December). This year's edition is dedicated to the memory of INORC member Serafino De Filippi, IT9CKA. The contest will be held on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. See https://www.grz.com/db/iq1nm for complete information. (TNX 425DX) PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns PA24XMAS, PD24ELF and PI24XMAS will be active on 1-31 December, while PD25HNY will be QRV from 24 December until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued, but see https://www.grz.com/db/PI24XMAS for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)



### THE REMINDERS

**European DX Foundation 38 years** 

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VK38EUDXF (VK2WN/SP7WT), DU38EUDXF (DV1K), DL0EUF, HA38EUDXF(HA5MA), ON38EUDXF (ON6CC), PA38EUDXF (PA1AW), PB38EUDXF (PB5X), PC38EUDXF (PC5F), PD38EUDXF (PD4RD), PF38EUDXF (PB7Z), PG38EUDXF (PG5M), PH38EUDXF (PA3GVQ), PI38EUDXF (PI4COM), PE38EUDXF.

**9A, CROATIA** Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity <u>throughout 2024</u>. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**DL, GERMANY DF20DCL** is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to mark the 20th anniversary of the DARC Community Logbook between 18 October and 29 November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The DCL is a web-based application system for a wide range of DARC awards: <a href="https://dcl.darc.de/public/">https://dcl.darc.de/public/</a>. (TNX 425DX) **DL, GERMANY DM70DXMB** is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DARC's DX Newsletter DXMB (DX-Mitteilungsblatt) between 1 November and 13 December. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR.

**DL, GERMANY DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney are using using until end 2024 to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi members of the USKA's Valais/Wallis Section are active as **HB150GM** <u>until December</u>. QSL via the bureau to HB9Y. (TNX DXNL)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) end 2024. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download:

https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX) **I, ITALY 4U30B** is the special callsign issued to the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy. Look for activity between 15 November and 31 December. QSL via 9A2AA. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Bologna will be active as II4RCDN from 1 October to 31 December.

QSL via IZ4FUE. The special callsign marks the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Cross Radio Telescope, one of the largest transit radio telescopes in the world. Gianfranco Sinigaglia (I4BBE, SK), after whom the Bologna ARI Section is named, was a professor of radioastronomy and applied electronics at the Physics Institute of Bologna University, and responsible for the electronics of the Northern Cross. A certificate will be available, see https://www.grz.com/db/II4RCDN for information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Italy (6 October 1924), ARI local branches across Italy will be using special callsigns <u>from 1 October to 29 December</u>. The callsigns will be in the format **II**#Rxyz (e.g. II9RCAT for ARI Catania) and IR#Rxyz (e.g. IR1RVDB for ARI Valbormida). In addition, special event station I1MRTV will be active from the RAI Radio and Television Museum in Torino. Certificates and electronic QSLs will be available for download from the HamAward platform (direct link from each special callsign's qrz.com page). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <a href="http://www.arifidenza.it/">http://www.arifidenza.it/</a>.

#### On the scene...EI9FBB at C5T



**LA, NORWAY** Look for **LA400KBG** <u>during 2024</u> to celebrate the  $400^{th}$  anniversary since the establishment of the Kongsberg silver mines and the Kongsberg town in 1624. Operation on different bands and modes. QSL direct only via LA1TV. The silver rich area measures about 5 x 20 km, and the richest mine, called The King's Mine, was mined to a depth of 1076 meters. The mining lasted to 1958, and the total silver amount mined has been estimated to about 2000 tonnes. (TNX DXNL)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns <u>during 2024</u> to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ311PA** (<u>November and December</u>). QSL via the

- bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <a href="https://www.lz1kcp.com/">https://www.lz1kcp.com/</a>. (TNX 425DX)
- **OE, AUSTRIA** Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Austria (1 October 1924), members of the Amateur Radio Club of the ORF (Austria's national public broadcaster) will be active as **OEORF** (https://www.oe1xrw.radio/). QSL direct to OE1XRW. (TNX 425DX)
- **OE, AUSTRIA OE45NO** highlights the negative Austrian referendum about the commissioning of a nuclear power plant 45 years ago. QRV from <u>September until the end of November</u>. QSL via ClubLog OQRS, hrdlog.net OQRS. (TNX DXNL)
- **OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting <u>during 2024</u>. (TNX DXNL)
- **ON, BELGIUM OO60FIR** is the special call for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Fédération Internationale des Radio Amateurs Ceminots' (Belgian railways). QRV <u>until end November</u>. QSL info via operators instructions.
- **ON, BELGIUM** Members of UBA's Groupement De Verviers will be active as **OR80USA** on 16-31 <u>December</u>. The special callsign commemorates the 80th anniversary of the liberation from German occupation and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, events in which the US military was heavily engaged. QSL via bureau to ON4GDV. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM** The RCA (Radio Club des Ardennes: <u>ON4RCA</u>) of Bastogne commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bastogne also known as the Battle of Bulge.
- The activation of the **OO80BB** call sign will start on November 16 and end on December 15. Several stations surrounding Bastogne, including the club station, will operate this special call sign on all the bands from 80M to 10M and on the following modes: SSB, FT4, FT8 and some other digital modes.
- **ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.
- https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsl.
- **PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Members of Radio Club Limburg will be active as **PF16F** on 1-30 November (https://rclb.nl/pf16f). This special event is intended to be a "Farewell to the Fighting Falcon", as the Royal Netherlands Air Force has officially retired its F-16 jets after 45 years of service. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, direct cards should be sent to PD8RW. (TNX 425DX)
- **PY, BRAZIL** Special station **PR5LM** will be active on various bands and modes, and on QO-100, throughout the month of November in honour of the memory of Father Roberto Landell de Moura (1861-1928), a pioneer of wireless audio transmission. QSL via SP7CVW and LoTW. (TNX 425DX) **SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity <u>during 2024</u>. A very special diploma will be available see <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/SK100FRK">https://www.grz.com/db/SK100FRK</a>. (TNX 42DX)
- **SM, SWEDEN SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatorer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee <u>throughout 2024</u>. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)
- **SM, SWEDEN** In November members of Radio Club SK1BL on Gotland Island (EU-020) will be active as **SE80TG** to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Hansa" tragedy. QSL via the bureau. The "Hansa" was a Swedish passenger ship, in use on the route between the mainland and Visby. She was torpedoed and sunk by a Soviet submarine during World War II (24 November 1944); 84 people died and only two survived. (TNX 425DX)
- **SP, POLAND** Special callsigns **SN100P**, **SN100L**, **SN100N**, **SN100PLN** and **SN100BP** will used from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Bank Polski SA and the introduction of the zloty (PLN), Poland's official currency. The activity is organized by the Polish Amateur Radio Association. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/SN100PLN for the details. (TNX 425DX)
- **SP, POLAND SN55DIG** is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using <u>until the end of the year</u> to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/ for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia <u>during 2024</u>: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX) **VU, INDIA** Look for **AU2JCB** <u>between November 15</u> and <u>December 16</u>. This to commemorate the birth date and to celebrate the Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose who is

recognized as the father of wireless communication. VU2DSI will be QRV for the  $17^{th}$  year between 80 and 10 meter on HF and FM. QSL via VU2DSI direct.

**YU, SERBIA** Organised radio amateurism in Serbia began with the founding of the "Society of Friends of Radio-Telegraphy and Radio-Telephony" on 15 July 1924 in Belgrade. Celebrating 100 years of Amateur Radio in the region, the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) are active as **YT100R** and **YU100R** <u>until December</u>. A certificate will be available: https://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/.